

# Ryan Accused Of Plotting to Oust Ettinger

Education Association Says  
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Superintendent With a  
Tammany-Picked Man

Allegation 'Sinister Aims'

Demands Mayor Prove His  
Charge "Interests" Seek  
to Undermine Schools

Mayor Ryan is accused of plotting with other politicians in a campaign to replace Superintendent of Schools Ettinger with a Tammany-picked man when Mr. Ettinger's term expires in 1923, in a statement issued yesterday by the Public Education Association.

A demand that the Mayor submit evidence of his charges that certain individuals "interests" are seeking to undermine the public school system is included in the statement, the text of which follows:

"Mayor Ryan and President Ryan of the Board of Education have been placed in an illuminating position by Mr. Ettinger's effective treatment of Mr. Ryan's statistical excursion into the school seating problem. Not only has Mr. Ryan been proved capable of making such an elementary blunder as mistaking 15,322 sitings twice, but he has also been proved to be a deliberate liar in his public attack upon Mr. Ettinger before the real facts have been disclosed, have demonstrated more clearly than ever before their character to grasp every opportunity to discredit the superintendent.

The Mayor's letter is but the latest of his numerous attacks upon Dr. Ettinger, and is evidently part of a plan to remove Dr. Ettinger when his term expires in May, 1923, and to appoint in his place a man responsive to dictation from the City Hall. It is of especial interest, however, because it clearly reveals the new line of attack that is to be followed.

Mayor's "Favorite Device"

Having tried other measures in vain to destroy Dr. Ettinger's reputation, His Honor has now resorted to his favorite device of alling Dr. Ettinger with "the interests," apparently in the hope that, under cover of the mask and paraphernalia of that antique charge, he may eventually bring the fatal blow.

There is nothing new in this action. His Honor utilized it even when entering office. Having sought through misrepresentation to create a popular aversion to the terms "backfeller" and "the interests," he has attempted systematically to identify those he has opposed or wished to destroy with the sinister purposes which he has endeavored to make these terms imply. But he has been disappointed. Because the Public Education Association has differed with some of his policies and has happened to receive a contribution from Mr. Rockefeller, which is but a small fraction of its budget and in no way influences its policies, he has allied the association with these so-called "interests" and has dubbed its director "Rockefeller tool." He has cleverly trained, however, from so characteristically the Knights of Columbus, the C. A. A., the Jewish Federation, the Little Big Sisters, the Red Cross, the Boy Scouts, Methodist, Baptist,

Presbyterian, Catholic and numerous other colleges and civic organizations which have received millions from the same generous source. The reason for this dereliction and apparent inconsistency is obvious: One must be cautious where one's friends and possible voting constituency are concerned.

**Association and Ettinger**  
"Now, because the Public Education Association has agreed with Dr. Ettinger's attitude toward the merit system and has been outspoken, as has Dr. Ettinger of his own volition, regarding official facts of part-time and congestion and the failure of the city and school authorities to cut red tape and expedite building construction, His Honor seeks to ally Dr. Ettinger with us, whom he pictures to the gullible as 'Rockefeller interests.' This is a gross misrepresentation of the facts.

"Dr. Ettinger is in no way allied with us, and we are in no way allied with the Mayor's fantastic 'interests.' We have agreed with Dr. Ettinger simply because we believe that in the present crisis he stands courageously for professional proficiency as opposed to political domination in the management of the schools. On the other hand, we have frankly differed with Dr. Ettinger, as we have with the Mayor and others, respecting the merits of the essential features of the so-called Gary plan, which we still regard a superior type of school organization when properly adapted to meet local requirements, as is now done in over two score cities, notably Detroit, Pittsburgh and Newark.

"The Mayor inaugurated this new line of attack at a recent meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, when he asserted that 'Nodd & Co.' were conspiring with 'people in our educational system' to undermine the schools. That is a serious charge, which it is up to His Honor to prove, however much we may be charitably inclined to attribute his confusion to a distorted imagination. If there is any such conspiracy afoot, it would seem, from his frequent unfounded outbursts respecting the city superintendent and the professional staff and his precipitate support of Board members in similar attempts, that the collusion exists in a determined 'company' of scheming politicians.

**Wants Politics Kept Out**  
"This incident, like many which have gone before, but proves that it is high time that the schools were removed from municipal politics. We were convinced of this need years ago, even before the schools were subjected to the demoralizing ordeal which has characterized the present administration. What the school system needs more than anything else is an enlightened Board of Education, free from the domination of City Hall and empowered, by adequate financial inde-

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pendence, to devote its time and attention solely to the interests of the children, instead of to the interests of ambitious politicians, which are the only 'sinister interests' affecting the schools that are visible on our horizon.

"Financial and administrative security, coupled with rigid application of the merit system, are absolutely essential to save the schools. Involving, as they do, the welfare of a million children, they deserve at least as much consideration from the incoming Governor and Legislature as do traction, prohibition and the other 'great problems' that are occupying the public stage. The hope for school betterment in New York City lies, not at City Hall, but at the Capitol at Albany, and it is there that the public must turn for relief from the present intolerable situation.

"HOWARD W. NUDD, Director."

**Symphony Concert Given**  
**Christmas Carols Feature Entertainment for Children**

A program appropriate to the Christmas season was given at the New York Symphony Orchestra's Concert for Young People yesterday afternoon at Carnegie Hall. Christmas carols and children's songs, sung by the Schola Cantorum, were the chief items of interest. These were under the direction of Mr. Kurt Schindler, but Mr. Damrosch was the Santa Claus of the occasion, dispensing good things, and in the manner of the good Saint Nick, giving just a little more than the strict printed program called for.

This was the waltz movement of the Tchaikovsky Fifth Symphony, the Andante Cantabile of which had been played, and it met with high favor, as extras are apt to do, and as its performance merited. The chorus sang with beautiful tone and spirit a number of old French and Spanish carols, in which they have recently been heard, in one of which a soprano solo part was taken by Lillian Gustafson. They also gave a group of Russian children's songs by Gretchaninoff. The orchestral numbers included the "William Tell" overture and Liszt's Hungarian Rhapsody No. 1.

**Foresters Elect R. S. Hosmer**  
BOSTON, Dec. 30.—Professor Ralph S. Hosmer, of Cornell University, was elected president of the Society of American Foresters at the closing session of its annual conference to-day.

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Loans and Discounts . . . . .	\$ 89,154,876.96
U. S. Bonds and Certificates . . . . .	17,117,450.00
U. S. Securities sold under repurchase agreement . . . . .	4,068,952.25
Other Bonds and Investments . . . . .	7,172,872.02
Banking House . . . . .	1,500,000.00
Customers' Liability account of Acceptances . . . . .	6,628,649.20
Cash, due from Banks and U. S. Treasurer . . . . .	39,879,944.78
Interest earned . . . . .	417,156.31
	<b>\$165,939,901.52</b>
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock . . . . .	\$4,500,000.00
Surplus . . . . .	13,500,000.00
Undivided Profits . . . . .	2,611,596.62
Reserve for Taxes, etc. . . . .	644,277.80
Unearned Interest . . . . .	\$ 21,255,874.42
Unearned Taxes . . . . .	454,798.65
Circulation . . . . .	360,816.50
Acceptances and Travelers' Checks . . . . .	7,164,546.82
Agreement to repurchase—U. S. Securities . . . . .	4,068,952.25
Deposits, viz:—	
Individuals . . . . .	\$98,252,295.94
Banks . . . . .	31,765,366.94
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United States Bonds . . . . .	41,085,663.32
Municipal Bonds . . . . .	8,139,612.77
Loans and Discounts . . . . .	153,618,621.81
Short Term Securities . . . . .	6,026,958.29
Bonds and Other Securities . . . . .	7,488,372.45
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank . . . . .	825,000.00
Real Estate . . . . .	3,295,000.00
Customers' Liability Account of Acceptances . . . . .	5,151,278.01
Interest Accrued . . . . .	1,428,214.89
<b>TOTAL . . . . .</b>	<b>\$281,053,844.15</b>

LIABILITIES	
Capital . . . . .	\$12,500,000.00
Surplus . . . . .	17,500,000.00
Undivided Profits . . . . .	3,967,560.37
Deposits . . . . .	239,117,547.11
Dividend Payable January 2, 1923 . . . . .	937,500.00
Reserve for Taxes and Interest Accrued . . . . .	1,093,806.58
Unearned Discount . . . . .	299,152.44
Acceptances . . . . .	5,638,277.65
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